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STAKE CONFERENCE EFFECTS CHANGES

Retiring Stake Presidency, left to right, J. Edward Johnson, W. Aird Mac Donald, Eugene Hilton, Hugh P. Anderson

Under the direction of Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of the Twelve, the semi-annual conference of Oakland Stake held April 17 and 18, witnessed many changes in high places. By reason of his removal from the Stake, an honorable release was tendered to President W. Aird MacDonald, and to his two counselors, J. Edward Johnson and Eugene Hilton. At the same time William T. Hicken, dean of the High Council, and A. Ivins Hilton, one of the Presidency of Seventy, were released.

By reason of being elevated to the Quorum of Seventy, Alvin N. Sorensen was released as President of the First Quorum of Elders.

To fill the various vacancies, Elder Richards presented and the congregation unanimously sustained Eugene Hilton as Stake President, with W. Glenn Harmon and Clyde J. Summerhays as first and second counselors; William J. Nielsen as High Counselor; and Arthur J. Burdette as President of the First Quorum of Elders. To fill the vacancy on the High Council automatically created by the choice of W. Glenn Harmon as a member of the Stake Presidency, Victor Lindblad, formerly a member of the presidency of Sacramento Stake and now Scout Commissioner of the Berkeley Council, Boy Scouts of America, was sustained. The conference also witnessed the ordination of Alvin G. Cheshire of Vallejo as a High Priest and Bishop, Rufus O. Phelps of Dimond as a Bishop, and Henry Nearings and Rowell K. Standley of Vallejo as High Priests; Joseph S. Horman, Clair C. Hunt, Wm. Edward Kingsford, John M. Telford, Alvin M. Sorensen, and James Kay as Seventies. Rudolph Gail Fjeldstrom was set apart as one of the Presidency of the 247th Quorum of Seventy.

The honorable release of President MacDonald, President Johnson and High Counselor Hicken marked the first complete turn-over among the officers who originally guided the affairs of the old San Francisco Stake. Their releases were in line with the policy expressed by them when first chosen, that there should be rotation to give others opportunity to serve. However, inasmuch as President Hilton had not served quite as long as the others, and because of the great value of his experience to the Stake, it was felt that he should be retained.

Presidents MacDonald and Johnson and Elder Hicken have the unique distinction of being the first to serve in their respective offices in each of two stakes, San Francisco and Oakland. With the field yet virgin and their zeal unimpaired we venture to say that the end of this record is not yet. President MacDonald's new home, Stockton, is a part of Sacramento Stake, but with the extremely rapid growth of the Church who knows how soon that part of the vineyard will be ready for the planting of another stake? President Johnson and Elder Hicken remain in Berkeley, and if Oakland Stake continues at the pace set since its organization, it will soon be time for another division and for again exercising the pioneering talents of these brethren.

President MacDonald, a native of Arizona, has been in the bay region so long as to become an integral part of it. His first Church position here was as one of the counselors to Patriarch Norman B. Phillips at the time the latter was president of the then Oakland Branch. In 1920, when Brother Phillips was released, President MacDonald became the branch president, serving as such until it grew into and was absorbed by San Francisco Stake. He became the first Stake President, serving from July 10, 1927, until Oakland Stake was created January 1, 1935. He has served as our Stake President since that time. It will be strange indeed, and difficult, to have him no longer among us.

President Johnson, native of Benjamin, Utah, came to Berkeley to attend Boalt Hall of Law in the spring of 1917, from which he was graduated with a J. D. in 1920. He identified himself with the Church promptly

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The Conference just held was a Priesthood conference. At the special Priesthood session Saturday evening, comparative reports were heard from the heads of each Melchizedek quorum. These reports, Apostle Richards explained, had a two-fold purpose: to stop guesswork on vital matters, and to stimulate presidents and members. The facts are not gathered merely for statistical purposes, but are useful only when used, to point out the places needing emphasis for better results. There are, he said, more specifications for Priesthood government in modern revelations than for any other units. The Church could get along without auxiliaries, but it cannot get along without its quorums. As originally constituted, all Church work was done through quorums. In Nauvoo there were special buildings for them, such as the Seventies' Hall, the Elders' Hall. The auxiliaries were added later, simply as helps. If today, the quorums were what they should be, they would claim the affections of their members above all other organizations.

Stephen L. Richards

Elder Richards emphasized the law of tithing as applying the Priesthood holders. The law calls for **one-tenth** and not one-twentieth or one-thirtieth. There is really no such thing as a "part" tithe-payer. Unless a person pays an honest tenth, he is not a tithe-payer, for there is only one law of the tithe. He also urged the brethren to attend the annual tithing settlement sessions, and he emphatically promised that the person who followed the law would find true happiness in his stewardship and in his Church. Neither the kingdom nor the Priesthood are for this world alone, and we cannot afford to fail. He admonished against discouragement and urged members not to abandon faith in the ultimate triumph of the work.

At the Sunday morning session Elder Richards pointed out that we interpret the Gospel of Christ as no other people on earth. Others speak of salvation, doing so in a sense synonymous with resurrection, life after death. We do not send missionaries into the world to contend against that. It is our philosophy that all men will be the "saved" in the sense that they will be res-

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

—And aesthetically, too, and practically, for that matter, was the annual Gold and Green Ball held Friday evening, April 16. It was such a success that we deem it good editorial material for at least two good reasons.

First, it was a beautiful, wholesome, soul-satisfying evening of pleasure which demonstrated once more the wisdom of the Church's attitude toward recreation: that such is necessary but need not be crass, needs no artificial stimulants.

These stake functions have come to occupy a niche of which we may well be proud. And they are attracting others than ourselves, too, a surprising lot of them, who find delight in being able to attend a party dignified by the complete absence of liquor.

And apropos the first reason for this editorial, did you notice the distinction lent to the evening by the selection and coronation of the Queen? and the gracefully beautiful way the coronation ceremony was terminated by a demonstration of the Gold and Green waltz?

We could go on, dilating on the decorations, the music, the attending crowd in general and the atmosphere in particular, but to those who did attend, we need say no more; to those who did not attend, we've perhaps said enough to set the imagination to work. So we pass to the second reason for this editorial.

Did you notice that in the days prior to the occasion you were **not** solicited to purchase a ticket by anyone? that there was no ticket-selling campaign whatsoever, just well managed, shrewd publicity? and that the ballroom was crowded when the evening came, to a point where a few more would have meant discomfort?

This is the third season in which the policy of the Stake M. I. A. has been to refrain from annoying people with requests to buy tickets in advance for this and that function. This is in line with the Church-wide policy of divorcing recreation from revenue-raising. And it is a big step in the direction of a stake and ward budget system the adoption of which would effectively eliminate the seemingly perpetual irritation of solicitation at Church doors.

This budget plan has been tried out and found successful in many places, including some of the wards in our own stake. Is it too much to hope that before another season begins for the auxiliaries it can be put into effect in every ward and in the stake itself, providing for the financial needs of each organization in a way to eliminate duplication, competition, friction, and a huge slice of the hard and thankless work and heartaches that always attend money-raising? Let's try!

CHURCH PRACTICE REGARDING NON-TEMPLE MARRIAGES

A letter under the date line of March 11, 1937, has been received from the First Presidency, enunciating that hereafter marriages outside the Temple shall be performed only by a Stake President or a Bishop, or, in the absence or disability of one of these, by the counselor, who, under such circumstances, is the presiding authority.

The letter states that the rule heretofore in force whereby Stake and Ward officers have in special instances, authorized other elders to perform such ceremonies, has not been found advisable in the light of experience. The First Presidency therefore instruct that no such special authorizations shall be made. When circumstances seem to justify a marriage ceremony by an elder other than the duly constituted authorities above mentioned, permission to perform such should be obtained from the First Presidency.

STAKE PRIMARY

The Oakland Stake Primaries are completing a very satisfactory year's work. We are very much pleased with the earnest endeavor shown in the different wards. Our New Ward, Vallejo, is a living example of what can be accomplished in a short time.

Primary Work will continue throughout the summer months with the activity work, also continue with the Church Security Program in the Missionary Work for the child, a new project. We are planning to attend the general conference in Salt Lake City in June and will give a complete report of the Conference at the August Union Meeting.

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on coming here, and when President MacDonald became branch president in 1920, President Johnson was made his second counselor. Upon finishing his school work he returned to Utah, but the lure of the bay region was too strong and he soon came back to serve as general counsel for the Federal Land Bank. In 1926, when Berkeley Branch was created, he became its first president, and the following year, when San Francisco Stake was created, he was sustained as First Counselor in the Stake Presidency.

William T. Hicken

Like many another good man in the Stake, William T. Hicken came to California, in 1922, for the purpose of completing his education; and, as has happened to many others, when his work at the University of California was completed, he received a position right here among us. Ever since receiving his M. A. in 1924 he has been a part of the Berkeley school system. From the day they arrived here, Elder Hicken and his good wife, Minnie Alice, have carried their full share of the Church load. He was a member of the first Berkeley Branch presidency, and when San Francisco Stake was organized he became a member of the first High Council, remaining such until just released. He also served for two years as president of the Stake mission. His service, throughout, has been of the highest order. He knows the Gospel; he lives it; he wants others to know it, live it and to appreciate it.

"M" MEN ELECT OFFICERS

The Oakland Stake "M" Men held their annual banquet Thursday, April 22, at the Fior de Italia in Oakland, and elected officers for the coming year. From the 37 members present Chick Stamp, Elmhurst, was elected president, A. Shepard, Elmhurst, vice-president, and Ralph Lauper, Dimond secretary and treasurer.

Dennis Lauper, outgoing president, introduced Tom Ferguson as toastmaster, which was followed by musical numbers and speeches. Among the guests present were; Walter Hall, Stake supervisor of "M" Men; Garney Johnson, Alameda, Jess Smith, Berkeley and James Sharp, Oakland. The newly elected officers were installed for the coming year at the "M" Men-Gleaner's Spring May dance, May 1.

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"THE LIAHONA" TO BE PRESENTED MAY 14

"The Liahona" Chorus, comprising the Claremont Choral Society, Mormon Male Chorus and members of Ward Choirs

(Ward Teacher's Message for May, 1937)

THE LAW OF TITHING

During the month of May the attention of the entire Church is to be directed to the Law of Tithing. Payment of the tithe is a commandment to Latter-Day Saints. While its payment is voluntary yet it is one of the requirements of good standing in the Church and eligibility for the blessings promised those who obey the law.

Church history records an outstanding example of both the consequences of non-observance of and the blessings of compliance with this important law of the Lord. When Lorenzo Snow became president of the Church, it was involved in debt owing to the trouble incident to the persecution of early days. In their troubles many people forgot the Lord and their obligations to Him. The financial affairs of the Church had been a great burden upon President Woodruff, a man who had never been in debt.

President Snow seems to have been specially selected to relieve the Church of this burden. No sooner was he installed than he was inspired to find a remedy. He began with meetings in St. George. These were followed by a universal gathering of the leading authorities of the Priesthood in the Temple, whence the message of tithing reform, like a wave, rolled over every Stake of Zion. The Saints were reminded of the promise that this would be a land of Zion only to those who obeyed the divine law in relation to tithes and offerings. It was promised that if the law were obeyed, great blessings would come to the Saints; while if it were not heeded, the Lord, for their disobedience, would scourge them with calamities. The people responded. Tithes and offerings came as never before. The "windows of Heaven" were literally opened unto them. Their condition improved, prospects brightened, and there came rapid improvements in the affairs of the Church. At no time has God showered blessings upon His people in greater abundance.

The glorious promises made to the people of the Church through President Snow have been repeated by his successors. This will truly be a land of Zion to those who obey the law of the Lord.

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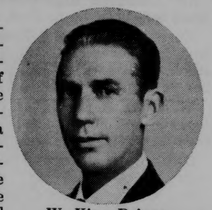
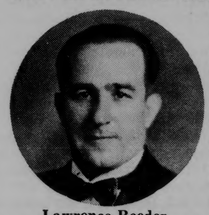


W. King Driggs

Under the direction of Professor Lawrence Reeder of Berkeley, the Claremont Choral Society, a non-Mormon organization, combined with the Mormon Male Chorus and supplemented by members of various ward choirs, will present its second rendition of the cantata "The Liahona" by W. King Driggs, at the Oakland Auditorium Theater on Lake Merritt Friday evening, May 14. The first production of the cantata was two years ago in the Oakland chapel by the combined choirs of the stake. The music and arrangements were so meritorious as to arouse the interest of Professor Reeder and his Claremont Choral Society, and last year that group produced it in the Auditorium Theater. Immediately after the completion of the Messiah during the holidays, Professor Reeder and his group, supplemented as above mentioned, began rehearsing for its production anew.



Lawrence Reeder

Music critics are profuse in their praise of this creative work of Professor Driggs. It tells in music the dramatic and amazing story of the migration of the ancestors of the American Indians from Jerusalem to the American continent under their prophet Lehi in the sixth century B. C. In place of the pillar of light and fiery cloud of the Mosaic Israelites, these pilgrims are guided by a compass of mysterious origin and miraculous functions, called in their ancient language, "Liahona," considered in the cantata as symbolic of the Divine Voice or Spirit which all may invoke as a guide to the Celestial Promised Land. After eight years of wandering in the wilderness the arrive at the "sea of many waters." Nephi, Lehi's youngest son, receives Divine instruction as to the building of a vessel to carry them to the "promised land." His rebellious brothers are won over to his assistance after severe manifestations of God's displeasure toward them. After they set sail over a calm sea, the rebellious elder brothers gradually succumb to temptation and revelry. God's anger is provoked in the form of a tempest which threatens to overwhelm their bark. The brothers are humbled, release their father and Nephi whom they had bound, the storm abates and the voyage proceeds in peace. They arrive at the promised land. Lehi, old, gives to his children farewell admonitions, and prophesies that his wayward sons will eventually drift away into a degraded and barbarous state, the forebears of the Indians of today. Lehi's philosophy of eternal opposites, the cosmic warfare between good and evil, are the base of the characteristic themes which form the warp and woof of the composition.

The event is under the sponsorship of the Stake Presidency, High Council and Stake Mission, and is timed to fit in and take advantage of the very favorable publicity which the Church is receiving. It is a function to which one may well be proud to take one's friends. The admission price will be 50c and 25c.

HIGH COUNCIL MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS CHANGED

Because the third Sunday in May is scheduled for Aaronic Priesthood activities, High Council-Missionary assignments are postponed for one week to take place May 23. No appointments are made for Oakland, Dimond and Vallejo, as other programs would interfere. Following are the appointments for the other wards.

Alameda—Ray H. Fisher, George F. Badouin.
Berkeley—John J. Kest, Robert T. Paine.
Elmhurst—Don J. Allphin, Ira B. Call.
Hayward—C. C. Carr, Ed Kingsford.
Martinez—Wm. J. Nielsen, Raymond A. Larsen.
Richmond—Victor Lindblad, Leon Baer.

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urrected, regardless of their beliefs. But our philosophy goes much further: there are perpetual places to which we may aspire; we are not content with mere sustenance. Mortal man, according to the Doctrine and Covenants, may become literally as a God. That is our big message to the world. And, he said, so far as he is aware, there is no promise in scripture outside of modern scripture, which indicates that men will be able to perpetuate their posterity except they come into the true fold. This, then, is our heritage; we have more, offer more, than is offered elsewhere. This philosophy places a different conception upon the necessity for baptism. It is not necessary for mere resurrection; that is the gift of Christ to all mankind through his atoning sacrifice. But baptism is essential for entrance into the Celestial Kingdom. That is our message, borne with authority.

When the Kingdom triumphs the Priesthood will rule. The holders thereof have something superior, a better comprehension. But, he said, a man can keep only that Priesthood which he uses, and to illustrate he referred to the doctrine prevalent among the arid states of the west pertaining to the beneficial use of water. Users are permitted only such water as they can and do put to a beneficial use. And so it is with the Priesthood. Because it is so common among us, we sometimes look upon it as being cheap. We should bear in mind that if we were scattered throughout the world there would be only one person holding the Priesthood to each 10,000 persons.

Elder Richards spoke of the fact that a man and woman are one in the sight of the Lord and that a woman's only glory is through association in the Priesthood. For her who recognizes this and helps her husband to do his duty, the reward will be a hundred-fold. Her husband will be more fit to be the head of the house. It is the failure in American homes to sustain the real head of the house which is responsible in no small degree for the decline in importance of the home. Partnership in homes is good in its way, but woman should not begrudge man his headship. If man is recognized as the priest in the temple of the home it will go far toward curbing lawlessness and breeding the best citizens in the world.

Elder Richards concluded his morning sermon with a reference to the doctrine of repentance, which he said calls for reformation. Repentance is the very essence of the philosophy of the Saviour, and is not a static principle, but is to be applied every day. No matter what is done, repentance leaves open the door.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reorganization of the Stake. In proposing the release of the Stake Presidency and of Elder Hicken, Elder Richards spoke of their long, efficient and faithful service, and of the trepidation with which he always faced such reorganizations. Following the completion of this business, he called upon President MacDonald and President Johnson who spoke briefly and feelingly of their work and of the future. Following them, the new Stake Presidency spoke, and the meeting was concluded with a short sermon by Elder Richards, who charged the new Stake officers with a two-fold duty: Get the Priesthood quorums in order, with complete corps of officers; and increase the number of missionaries. A Stake of the size of Oakland ought to have at least 25 missionaries in the field.

Elder Richards was unable to stay for the evening session which was held under the auspices of the M. I. A. and which was addressed by the retiring members of the Stake Presidency.

The music furnished at the various sessions was outstanding. Deserving of special mention is the mixed quartet from Oakland ward which sang Sunday morning, and the splendidly trained chorus from Vallejo which sang Sunday afternoon.

REVISED DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Between members of Stake Presidency and High Council

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Eugene Hilton—3918 Everett Ave., Oakland. Andover 0781. Bishoprics, Melchizedek Priesthood, Security Program, Relief Society.

W. Glenn Harmon—793 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley. Ashberry 4289. Aaronic Priesthood, M. I. A., Messenger, Mission.

Clyde J. Summerhays—2448 Hearst Ave., Oakland. Andover 6487. Sunday School, Primary, Genealogical Committee, Music.

High Council:

Chas. C. Carr—2139 Oregon St., Berkeley. Berkeley 7442W. Assignments to High Council, Relief Society, Security Program.

Don J. Allphin—5823 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. Sweetwood 3056. Genealogical Committee.

Claude M. Dewsnup—816 Elm St., El Cerrito. Ward Teaching and Music.

John J. Kest—3111 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Fruitvale 7433J. Aaronic Priesthood Committee.

Grant Ellis—747 San Diego Rd., Berkeley. Ashberry 4538. Sunday School.

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Wm. J. Nielsen—1048 Leo Way, Oakland. Olympic 6206. Teacher Training and Melchizedek Priesthood.

Victor Lindblad—719 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley. Ashberry 8548. Aaronic Priesthood and M. I. A.

Hugh P. Anderson, Stake Clerk, 1717 Oxford St., Berkeley. Ashberry 5115.

ACHIEVEMENT

Once more signal honor has come to a member of Oakland Stake. Charles L. Harding, Attorney at Law, member of Berkeley Ward and for two years superintendent of its Sunday School, is leaving us June 1st for New York City where he will be engaged in a professional capacity in charge of one of the legal departments of the Shell Union Oil Corporation. He came to Berkeley in 1929, entered Boalt Hall of Law at the University of California in 1930, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1933. While at Boalt Hall he had the distinction of serving on the staff of the California Law Review, an honor which goes only to those of outstanding scholastic merit. Immediately upon graduation he was employed in the San Francisco legal department of the Shell Union Oil Corporation. As a result of his outstanding ability and application he has now received this merited promotion which carries with it not only added responsibility but substantial financial reward as well.

His wife, Ailene Harding, formerly President of Berkeley Ward Y. W. M. I. A., and now serving as one of the counselors in the same organization, is leaving about May 1, for a month's visit with her folks in Utah, remaining there until her husband completes his work here and joins her about June 1st for the trek eastward.

It is with sincere pleasure that we chronicle this achievement, but it is with profound regret that we learn it will take the Hardings from among us.

ACTIVITIES OF MORMON MALE CHORUS

The Mormon Male Chorus has had an active month. Besides a heavy rehearsing schedule for the cantata "Liahona", it has managed to find time to sing before and win the approval of about 250 members of the Townsend Club in Oakland on April 4.

Shortly after this it gave a concert under the auspices of the Nojoque Circle of the Santa Clara Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, whereby that group realized a tidy little sum for its building fund. A letter of appreciation for the services of the club was received by Director Sant from Helen Barbour, Secretary of the Circle.

Thursday evening April 22, the members of the chorus entertained their wives and partners at a fashion show in the Berkeley chapel. The wives and partners report that the singing was better than the fashions.

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REPORT RECEIVED FROM MISSIONARY IN NORTH CENTRAL STATES MISSION

The North Central States Mission includes Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana and part of Canada. Elder W. W. Richards is President of the mission.

Minnesota, especially Minneapolis, headquarters of the mission, where I am laboring, will always be remembered in my mind as "Little Scandinavia" because of the great number of Scandinavian people. The majority of them are friendly toward the Church with interest aroused by the Tabernacle choir and the Church Security program.

Minneapolis and St. Paul, known as the Twin Cities, have as their population nearly a million people and are divided by the Mississippi River. With their huge flour mills, they are recognized as the milling center of the United States.

Our work, besides tracting, visiting investigators and cottage meetings, includes Neighborhood Primaries. At present we hold four such primaries each week in different parts of the city. On Thursday evenings we teach a gospel study class composed of young women who have recently joined the Church or who are now investigating the gospel. We also assist in Branch activities.

In the Minneapolis Branch of 300 members, mostly converts, there is a spirit of love and harmony. They too appreciate the beauties of the gospel and rejoice in its light. I consider it a privilege to labor here as a missionary.

June Weindorf

SCOUTING

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, a meeting of the Oakland Stake Scouter's Roundtable was held at the Oakland Chapel. Present were representatives of Oakland Troops 72 (Dimond) and 46 (Oakland), Berkeley's Troop 8, and the new Richmond troop.

Lynn Knight, Jr. Ass't Scoutmaster of Berkeley was released from his former duties as Scribe of the Roundtable and Don Cherrington, who holds the same position in Dimond was elected to the office. Lynn has done a fine job in this position for the last year and a half.

Cherrington reported that 72's recent carnival was a great success and much of the credit was given to the ASM's of the troop. 72's Assistant Scoutmasters have divided the work up so that each has a definite sphere of influence.

Bro. Wright of 46 reported that a new Committee had been formed which meets on Monday nights. The troop also boasts a new ASM.

Richmond's new Chairman, R. I. Rowley reported on the progress in organizing a troop there.

Berkeley predicted a fine Parents' Night (which was a success) for April 9. Present were most of the officers of the local Council, including President Hermes, Executive Lindbald, Field Executive Earnest Neahre, and Local Commissioner A. K. McLean. Taylor Nuttal conducted.

On Sunday, April 25, 1937, the regular monthly stake Scouters' Roundtable was held in the Oakland Chapel, conducted by Marshall Stoddard, Stake Scouting Commissioner, and Don C. Wood, Oakland Council Director of Senior Scouting. An interesting discussion on father and son outings was held and the value of craft work in Scouting was demonstrated.

Troop 8 of Berkeley reported that it would have at least one patrol in the camporee late in May, and that the Moose had already held a Camporette hike.

Troop 72 of Dimond is grooming two patrols for the Camporette next week and the Camporee later. Early in June a third patrol may be formed.

Oakland's Troop 46 visited the Remar Bakery on April 23. The trip, which was arranged and carried through by the Troop Committee was very interesting although the Scouts liked the "eats" best. A new member of the Committee, Adrian Hess, was awarded most of the orchids for the trip.

The Roundtable meets during the second hour (3:30-4:30) of the Stake Union meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month. All Scouts above the rank of patrol leader and all Scouters, should be present.

WARD NEWS

BERKELEY

Mrs. Verna Petry and daughter Marguerite, Mrs. Clara Gleason and Mrs. Burris motored to Los Angeles to visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Ricks entertained friends at an Easter Party. Girl friends and their escorts were included in the list of guests.

The M-Men and Gleaners held a weiner roast in Live Oak Park. The Gleaner Girls were the guests of the M-Men.

The Annual Election of Ward M-Men and Gleaner Girl officers was held Tuesday, April 20.

The Annual Relief Society Conference was held on Sunday the 25th.

Ward Honor night will be held on Tuesday, May 4th.

An unusually large group attended the last Senior Class conducted by Richard W. Young.

The Berkeley Deseret Club held its closing affair on the afternoon of Sunday the 25th in the form of a reception held in the Lounge.

The Berkeley Ward feels highly honored in that its representative, Hazel Leighter, was chosen Queen of the Gold and Green Ball.

VALLEJO

At the recent reorganization of the Vallejo Sunday School, A. Dairl Hill was set apart as the new Superintendent. This is the second time Elder Hill has served in this capacity, he being Supt. during the period of 1931 to 1934, when he was released from Sunday School work and appointed Second Counselor to the Branch President.

Sunday April 4, the Sunday School presented a very interesting Easter program. The film "The Great Redeemer Lives" was presented with special music and readings.

Vallejo Ward sent their first Queen to the Green and Gold Ball, Friday, April 16, Miss Adele Nielsen represented Vallejo. We were all very proud of her, and our ward was well represented in the Ball Room.

Georgia Coleman, president of the Primary, recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Ogden, Utah, where she spent ten days visiting relatives and friends.

Vallejo Relief Society regret very much to report the loss of their very efficient and much loved President Katheryn Christensen, who has held this position for the past three years, has gone to Ogden, Utah, to make her home.

Through the efforts of the different auxiliaries and members of the ward the Vallejo Public Library now has on its shelves the following books, The Relief Society Magazine, The Way to Perfection, Jesus The Christ, Joseph Smith The American Prophet and The Articles of Faith by Talmage.

The Vallejo Mixed Chorus under the direction of Clair Lewis, furnished the music for the afternoon session of Conference Sunday April 18.

ALAMEDA

Through misunderstanding we stated that the Alameda Ward had purchased property on Grand St. This property was sold to people holding an option. It is hoped that we find property that will be suitable in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Crandall spent a few days in Los Angeles.

Mr. Peter Borup spent a week in Salt Lake City attending conference and visiting with friends and relatives.

Clyde J. Summerhays and Asael Smith of the Sunday School Stake Board were visitors to the Alameda Ward Sunday School convention held April 11.

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DIMOND

Dimond Ward won the banner at the Stake Genealogical Social with a tableau emphasizing the importance of the Book of Remembrance. Members of the priesthood portrayed the prophets from the time of Adam to Joseph Smith, while their messages were read by Ben E. Young. This tableau was an original idea by Sister Mary E. Cherrington and will be presented again by request at the Dimond Ward Chapel on Sunday, May 30, 1937.

The Dimond Ward Relief Society was recently reorganized with Patricia B. Fish as president and Blanche Jacobs as first counsellor succeeding president Jane Kilner, and counsellors Melvina Earl and Sarah Olsen, and secretary Edna Mitchell. Sister Jessie Boothe who has been substituting as secretary for several months has consented to carry on in that capacity for the present.

Reed Hicken with his wife and little daughter, Joan, of Modesto have been visiting with his sister Gennial Ginn and husband.

Evelyn Mayer Duncan gave a most enjoyable luncheon at her home Friday, April 9, for sixteen guests honoring Jane Kilner, the retiring Relief Society president and her officers.

The next meeting of the Dimond Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will be held in the Dimond Chapel, May 3, at 2 o'clock. A Pioneer, George W. Kibby who crossed the plains when six years old will address the group. Special music will be provided. All who are interested and eligible for Pioneer work are cordially invited.

The home of Winnifred Phelps was the setting for a charming stork shower Friday evening, April 23, given by her, for Dorothy Jayne Fish Ochs.

The Relief Society meeting of April 8 was turned into a pleasant social affair honoring Jane Kilner and the other retiring officers. Jessie Boothe had charge of the affair. Several Stake officers were present including Sister Carruth, stake president.

Mrs. Ella Chase is visiting with her daughter in Los Angeles.

Captain Minnie Ellsworth of the County Company of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers entertained the group at a delightful luncheon Tuesday, April 13. The honor guest being Jane Kilner, the retiring Relief Society president; she was presented with a Pioneer pin.

RICHMOND

The Richmond Ward held a very successful Hardtime Party on April 2. The party was sponsored by the M. I. A. and was under the direction of Naomi Layton.

MARTINEZ

Mrs. Afton Hipwells has been visiting with her sister from Ogden, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moseby of Kimmerer, Wyo., were honeymoon visitors at the home of Mrs. Moseby's brother, Andrew Easton, Jr.

Mrs. Willard Knowles is recovering rapidly from a recent emergency operation.

Mrs. Raymond Larson recently entertained at a stork shower for Mrs. Ervan Robison.

Pittsburg Sunday School furnished Sacrament Meeting program April 11.

VITAL STATISTICS

BAPTISMS

Robert Charles Heinze, Alameda
Joseph Carmon Wood, April 3, Berkeley
Franklin J. Wieler, April 3, Berkeley

CONFIRMATIONS

Joseph Carmon Wood, April 4, Berkeley
Franklin J. Wieler, April 4, Berkeley

MARRIAGES

Gordon Thomas Holmes to Mildred Elizabeth Hoel, Mar. 31, by Bishop J. G. Shields, Oakland.
Homer De Witt Buskner to Effie Amanda Larson, April 24, by Bishop J. G. Shields, Oakland.
Lorimer Jackson Welch to Enid Laura Davis, April 24, by Bishop J. G. Shields, Oakland.

BLESSINGS

Leuera May Trihe, daughter of Grant H. Trihe and Llene Mortensen, April 4, Oakland.

DEATHS

Peter Wattel, husband of Nellie Wattel, Crockett
Emma Brown, April 2, 1937, Richmond
Harriet Permela Richardson, April 13, 1937, San Francisco.

ORDINATIONS

Norman Burke Epling, Deacon, Martinez
Glenn Jay Hill, Deacon, Vallejo
Alvin J. Cheshire, High Priest and Bishop, Vallejo
Henry Neerings, High Priest, Vallejo
Newell Standley, High Priest, Vallejo
J. Myron Telford, Seventy, Vallejo
Richard A. Hickman, Deacon, April 3, Berkeley

HARRIET PERMELA RICHARDSON

Harriet Permela Richardson, wife of George B. Richardson of 1369 Masonic avenue, San Francisco passed away April 13, 1937. She was the former wife of Dr. Peter Phillip Vandenbergh and with him, was one of the original six persons present when the Oakland Branch was organized on October 2, 1872. Norman B. Phillips the last survivor of the six spoke at the funeral service. Those surviving are her husband, several children and grand children.

Mrs. Richardson was a kindly, refined sweet lady, respected very highly by her many friends. Her picture appeared in the January, 1937 issue of the Messenger.

EMMA BROWN

The members of the Richmond Ward were saddened by the passing of Emma Brown on April 2. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

OAKLAND

On Friday, April 23, the Oakland Vanguards enjoyed an outing at Lake Merritt.

Mrs. Isabel Nielsen and son Robert are spending the summer in Salt Lake as guests of Mrs. Nielsen's parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander.

On April 30, the Sunday School is entertaining the Ward to a turkey dinner.

Our Mutual organizations as usual are up and doing. On Tuesday, April 20, they gave as an added attraction, an interesting one act play.

Mrs. May Nielsen and Mrs. Jane Page of Salt Lake are visiting at the Wm. J. Nielsen home.

Mrs. Adrian Gee entertained the Discussion Class April 26.

The Primary organization are planning another successful children's dance for Saturday, May 8, at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagley, who with their splendid family have resided in our ward for a number of years, recently sold their home and have moved to Portland.

The Book of Mormon Club are planning a boat trip around the bay in the near future.

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On Sunday evening, May 9, the Primary are holding graduation exercises.

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